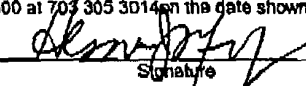


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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION  
AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Sir:

This is in response to the Final Rejection dated January 16, 2004; the two-months' response to which is due on March 16, 2004. Review of Applicant's remarks, entry of the amendment, and reconsideration of the rejection is respectfully requested. In the alternative, the Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the papers for the purposes of appeal. Under the provisions of Rule 116 and MPEP 714.12, the following response, being filed by facsimile transmission, which is believed to respond fully to the issues raised in the Final Rejection, is requested to be entered. Review of this amendment by the Examiner will not present any unreasonable burden, or necessitate an additional search. The Patent Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider the rejection in light of the amendments and arguments contained herein and allow the claims and pass the case to issue. The amendments contained herein could not have been earlier presented. Applicants have reviewed the rejection and their application and believe that the arguments herein presented are responsive to the rejection and place the case in condition for allowance.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks begin on page 3** of this paper.